

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0186] in the filed application (paragraph [0191] in the published application), with the below amended paragraph.

[0186] In one embodiment, the articular component 604 includes a support plate 650 having an articular surface 652 and an opposite bearing surface 654. Support plate 650 may be sized and shaped to substantially correspond to the size and shape of the vertebral endplate of an adjacent vertebra. In one embodiment, the support plate [[610]] 650 is shaped in a triangular-like configuration to facilitate an oblique insertion approach from either the left or right side of the spine, and as such, includes side portions P4, P5 and P6. The side portions P4, P5 and P6 may take a variety of configurations including curved (illustrated by P5) or straight (illustrated by P4 and P6) configurations. The support plate 650 can include one-or more notches 656 or other types of indicia for receiving and engaging with a corresponding portion of a surgical instrument, such as discussed above with reference to articular component 602.